FOUR CENTS

HOME EDITION

TWENTY-FIVE DIE

Spark From Chisel Explodes Whole Tank Gasoline.

Whole Section of Memphis Threatened by Blaze.

### BODIES WERE TORN TO PIECES

Whole Block of Poorer Homes

The resultant fire which, for a time, threatened to spread to a gas plant and several nearby manufacturing concerns was checked before it ed headway.

Two workers on the exploding tank were torn to bits, while a third es-caped practically unscathed. Virtual-ly all of the destroyed houses were oc-

# odies torn almost beyong rec-were removed within a few and every ambulance in the summoned to remove the in-

while scattered over a radius of a block or more were other bodies. Early estimates of the property damage indicated thr. it would not ex-ceed \$150.000.

Washington, Jan. 24.—With more than half of the precincts in Michigan in the senatorial election of 1315 recounted. Henry Ford today had gained 2,288 votes over Truman H. Newberry, who is now holding the seat in the senate.

Until noon today, 1,548 precincts out of 2,232 had been recounted under direction of the senate elections committee. Newberry beat Ford by about 7,500 votes.

Governor Allen had not returned at noon from Chicago.

It is not yet known who is to introduce the bill in the senate, tho the foster fatherhood of the measure in the house has been conceded to Representative Harley, of Douglas county.

Aviation Bill Is Killed.

The Howard bill for the establishment of aviation fields in all cities of Kansas with a population of more than 3,000, was killed in committee on than 3,000, was killed in the senate, the the poster fatherhood of the measure in the house has been conceded to Representative Harley, of Douglas county.

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The committee on roads and high-ways is also in session this afternoon. At least two bills will probably be acted on by that committee and may be reported back to the senate when by gloss, were grown as the scene. While the acted on by the senate when solice estimates the dead at about be reported back to the senate when twenty-five, the toll of the fatalities, it convenes this afternoon.

The joint sub-committee on roads plosion, may be larger, when a complete check is made of the occupants of the dwellings and exploration of the ruins is possible.

Baby Was First Victim.

The filling station where the explosion occurred was not badly damaged. No Fight on Lambertson Bill.

on one side was a huge brick and concre e pumping station which also below the force of the blast. Windows were toon out but otherwise the building was not damager. The block south of the one where the worst have was wrought, is unoccupied. That an even greater death toil was not taken was attributed to the fact that many of the occupants of the ill fated dwellings had left for their work.

The first bodies found were of a negro woman and a baby. These were a short distance from their home, while scattered over a radius of a block or more was a result of their work.

Judiciary Committee Mecu

SNOW AND COLDER WEATHER

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Rain Tonight, Turning to Snow

Expect Governor's Message Soon.

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Bill Regulating Packers Not Sure in Senate.

Fronna Bill To Be Decided on Substitute for Kenyon Act.

### **WOULD LICENSE ALL PACKERS**

Puts Whole Industry Under New Federal Commission.

7 o'clock.....39 | 11 o'clock.....38 8 o'clock....38 | 12 o'clock....33 9 o'clock....38 | 1 o'clock....39 9 o'clock....38 | 1 o'clock....49 0 o'clock...38 | 2 o'clock....40

After Hard Fight.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 24.—A spark from the chisel of a workman today caused the terrific explosion which resulted in great loss of life and property here.

The laborer was working on a tank containing 15,000 gallons of gasoline, which first blew up. No trace of the man has been found.

Twenty-Five Killed.

At least twenty-five persons, most of them negroes, were killed, according to police estimates, and fifty or more injured by the explosion. The tank was a part of the Colyar-Reese to the south of Kansas, and there is no working at population of the explosion of the colyar-Reese to the south of Kansas, and there is no mow to the west of this state.

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The explosion tore to splinters a row of frame dwellings at Front and Looney streets, shattered windows within a radius of fifteen blocks and shook the entire north end of the city.

Fire Now Under Control.

The resultant fire which.

Little Excitement Expected
When Business Is Resumed.

Most of Senators Spent Week
End at Home.

Two Extra Hours of Debate.
The senate met at 10 o'clock today, two hours earlier than usual to extend time for discussion. Advocates of the legislation conceded that the vote would be "very close." Private polls taken by both sides showed a hairline division, it was reported, with senators listed as doubtful, "demanding the fate of the legislation about which controversy has reased for ten years."

There will probably be little excite-tent on the resumption of business known as the Gronna bill, having been Every ambulance in the city was rushed to the scene and volunteer rescue parties were formed to aid the police in removing the dead and injured.

A row of tenement houses, a block in length, all of frame construction, were levelled by the force of the explosion, killing and maining the occupants.

Bodies Torn to Pieces.

The state senate late this afternoon of business known as the Gronna Republican. North Dakota, as a substitute for the Kenyon-Kendrick bill. The Gronna measure provides for federal regulation of meat packers, stockyards, of the senate spent the week-end at their homes, and there has been little work done in committees. Several of the meat industry by a new government livestock commission of three menting this afternoon to frame up reports on bills which will probably be presented to more than the control of the members appointed by the president at \$10.000 salaries.

Would Licenses Packers.

The first meeting of the judiciary committee is being held this afternoon, with several important bills for con-sideration.

Expect Governor's Message Soon.

Just when the promised special message from the governor on the covernor on the separation of the industrial court will be received for a greatly maked. Leeman Tibbits, 69, was found dead men detained the sheriff outside the

## FATE IS IN DOUBT New York Now In Throes of Graft Probe of Police Dept.

Ex-Governor Declares Officers of Law Received Huge Sum for Protection of Printing Plants During Recent Strike.

New York, Jan. 24.—Former Gov-been indicted on evidence placed be rnor Charles S. Whitman, who is fore the grand jury by Mr. Whitman ernor Charles S. Whitman, who is conducting an inquiry into alleged corruption in municipal affairs, today planned to place before the grand Avenue station, Brooklyn, was indicted jury additional evidence regarding the acceptance of illegal fees by police of-



Captain Under Indictment.

merly in command of the Atlantic Avenue station, Brooklyn, was indicted a feecentity on a charge of unlawfully accepting a fee for performing regular duties. He is the second of Police Commissioner Enright's captains against whom a true bill alleging the acceptance of graft has been found by the January additional grand jury freeding charges of corruption in the New York City administration.

After the arraignment of Du Bois, who pleaded not guilty and was released in \$2.500 bail by Judge Crain. Charles S. Whitman, special counsel in charge of the investigation, was asked if his inquiry had yet furnished evidence that corruption in the police densiting the first three committees visit at State in the state of the weather man has been kidding old Mother Nature to the extent that fruit buds have started to swell. Another week of fine weather would bring them to the point where a hard freeze would be disastrous for the fruit crop of the commissioner. The fruit is not in danger yet, O. F. Whitney of the state horticultural so-ciety said this morning, but with the progress which the buds are making in wouldn't take much warmth to bring them to the danger point.

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Why, yes, I think it is, but it is a different kind. It appears to be worse and it is very widespread."

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Both Houses Begin Today.

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It is known that, the Captain Du Bois is charged specifically with having accepted \$100 from a representative of the Publishers' Printing company, 207 W. 25th street, upward of \$50,000 was paid out by the employing printers and publishers' organizations for protection during the "outlaw" strike of printers, September to November, 1919. It is not alleged that all this was paid to members of the police department. The protection payments are said to have been \$5,000 a majority of the farmers in an organization strike of printers, September to November, 1919. It is not alleged that all this was paid to members of the police department. The protection payments are said to have been \$5,000 a week. Other complaints are filed as week. It is most probable that the folks at home were not entirely pleased.

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# FOUR ARE KILLED FOILS THE BANDITS

Race Rioting in North Carolina Four Masked Men Get Only Quieted by Guards.

Two Negroes.

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day, when he came to Topeka to make his home with his son. Earl Tibbits. 200½ Monroe street. He arase early this morning and disappeared. He was found dead several hours later at gomery county district court to commit adjoining apartment. The body was taken to Shellabarger's undertaking parlors. No inquest will be held.

The strong of the low County Attorney.

Application for a writ of mandamus compelling Judge J. W. Holdran and Clerk G. V. Blackford of the Montgomery county district court to commit Russ Lewark to the state penitentiary at Lansing was filed in the suppreme court today by Alfred G. Armstrong. Montgomery county attorney. Lewark. Armstrong's petition sets Senate Committee Confers on Regulation fields in all clies of the senate affairs in the house, it is understood by Senator Howard. He looks for better treatment of the measure in the senate committee.

"I hardly thought the house was ready for it yet," Senator Howard said this morning. "About the next session the necessity for the measure will begin to be so apparent that it will two a hetter chance then." He did of indicate, however, that he means stoop the fight on the passage of better chance then." He did of indicate, however, that he means stoop the fight on the passage of persistent violation of the state industrial court. The bill was introduced in the senate of from one to five and state in the hands of the state industrial court. The bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Burdick, who is chairman off the committee on live-stock, state in the hands of the state industrial court. The bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Burdick, who is chairman off the committee on live-stock has a committee at the hands of the state industrial court. The bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Burdick, who is chairman off the committee on live-stock has a charge of persistent violation of the state anti-liquor laws. He was sentenced to two years at hard labor. Judge Holdren has so far failed to is constituted and the measure in the hands of the state industrial court. The bill was introduced in the senate of from one to five and serving a sentence of from one to five the state industrial court. The bill was introduced in the senate by Senator Burdick, who is chairman off the committee on live-state anti-liquor laws. He was sentence to two years at hard labor. Judge Holdren has so far failed to is constituted and the senate affairs in the house that Judge Holdren has so far failed to is constituted and the senate committee.

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Nine Dollars as Loot.

Negroes Slew Two-Mob Killed Locked Doors Prevented Robbery of Passenger Train.

## **BIG BILLS UP SOON**

Administration Measures Due in Legislature This Week.

Expect Fight on Piper Capital Punishment Measure.

### BOTH HOUSES BEGIN TODAY

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ment of his plans was made by the governor this afternoon following his return from Chicago.

It is probable the governor will draft his special message late today or Tuesday morning. He will stand path on his original plan to ask for a law divorcing the public utilities commission from the industrial court. There is a possibility that Governor Allen will go before the legislature personally with his request.

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Warm Weather in Kansas Is Swelling Buds-Crop May Be in

A continuation of the California brand of weather in Kansas is apt to try of the state-horticulture.

The warm, moist winter weather

has been pleasant for human beings Many Committees Visit at State but it has not been good for the fruit

Presented to Topeka T.B.A.

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Week End at Institutions.

Many of the big legislative committees spent the week-end at state institutions. A majority of the members, tho, went back to their home towns to tell of doings in Topeka and to gather local thought and inspiration. Fewer members remained in Topeka than at any time since the seasion started.

It looks as tho both houses will get down to serious work this week. There is a prospect that the proposed new workmen's compensation bill will be ready for introduction before the end of the week. An effort may be ready for introduction before the local the week. An effort may be ready for introduction before the local the week. An effort may be ready for introduction before the local the week. An effort may be local the proposed that the proposed new workmen's compensation bill will be ready for introduction before the local the week. An effort may be local the proposed that the proposed new workmen's compensation bill will be ready for introduction before the local the week. An effort may be local the proposed that the proposed new workmen's compensation bill will be ready for introduction before the local throught and the proposed new workmen's compensation to th

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Allied Premiers Hold First Session of Conference.

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### CONSIDER WILSON MESSAGE

German Disarmament First.

The conference which virtually was a meeting of the supreme council originally formed during the peace conference began at 11:30 a. m. The discussion of German disarmament was first on the program.

At 1 p. the council adjourned after having devoted nearly all the time of its first session to hearing Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Sir Hughes Wilson of the British imperial staff, and General Maurice Nollet, head of the French military mission in Berlin, on the disarmament question. The conference was opened with a speech of welcome by Fremier Briand. The afternoon session was set for 4 o'clock for discussion of disarmament by the members of the conference.

The Russian situation was one of the most important confronting the allied supreme council when it went into session at 11:15 a. m. today.

President Wilson's note requesting the allies to give guarantees that Russian will not be attacked put that situation in the forefront. The allies must decide whether they will follow Wilson's wishes.

Big Questions Are Up.